

Bonjour!

Thank you for your interest in Les Petits Soleils Inc. Preschool for the September 2011 session! We are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the year.

About the Teachers

Your teachers are Kathryn Babowal, Jill Burton and Lisa Solamillo. Madame Kathryn and Madame Jill are certified French Immersion elementary teachers with Bachelors of Education, earned at the University of Alberta, through the French campus, Faculté Saint-Jean. Both taught in the French Immersion program for Edmonton Public School Board. Madame Lisa has been a loyal employee at Les Petits Soleils since the inception of the preschool in 2006. She has worked as Teacher's Aide, Substitute Teacher, Administrative Assistant as well as Program Manager of the Before & After School Care program that we also operate at École Campbelltown School. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Science, earned in French at Faculté Saint-Jean. It is important to us that our teachers all be completely fluent in French, in order to properly support our preschool's French Immersion philosophy. We are very experienced working as volunteers with young children.

Philosophy of Teaching and French Immersion

We believe that all children should be treated as individuals with their own learning styles. We feel that it is important to provide all students with the opportunity to succeed, by allowing them to feel safe and take risks in their learning. We are strong advocates and supporters of the French Immersion Program, and we believe it is easier and more natural for a child to learn another language at a very early age. Our intention is to speak in French with the children as much as possible to encourage a love and interest in the French language. We believe that the focus of preschool should be that the children are having fun and playing all day long and that it is through such activities that they will acquire French speaking skills.

Available Programming

We offer two separate French immersion programs: Année 1 (Year 1) and Année 2 (Year 2). Children attend preschool two days per week. Neither children nor parents are required to speak French.

Class	Eligibility	Days	Time
Année 1A	3 years old, fully potty-trained	Tuesdays & Fridays	9:00 – 11:30am
Année 1B	3 years old, fully potty-trained	Mondays & Thursdays	Mondays (12:45 – 3:15pm) Thursdays (9:00 – 11:30am)
Année 2A	fully potty-trained, going to Kindergarten the next year	Mondays & Wednesdays	9:00 – 11:30am
Année 2B	fully potty-trained, going to Kindergarten the next year	Tuesdays & Thursdays	12:45 – 3:15pm
Année 2C	fully potty-trained, going to Kindergarten the next year	Wednesdays & Fridays	12:45 – 3:15pm

- Année 1: basic French phrases and vocabulary, with an emphasis on cooperative play and listening skills, and beginning French use.
- Année 2: continued French language learning with an emphasis on cooperation, listening and school-ready skills (letter/number identification, basic word recognition, and speaking some French).

The full-year cost for the 10-month program is \$1150.00. Payment and a full registration form will be requested from parents, via email, in the Spring. Please note that it is our preference that fees be paid using a credit card. Please contact us if you are unable to pay using credit card.

We also require:

- a non-refundable registration fee of \$35.00 per child per year.
- a \$35.00 fieldtrip fee.
- authorization to charge \$50.00 to your credit card should you not attend your chosen cleaning night and to charge \$25.00 should you not attend your chosen parent orientation meeting.

Parent Involvement Expectations

1. **Snack Provision** - Each family will be responsible for four-five snack days over the course of the ten month program. Families will be randomly assigned days to drop off a snack and drink for all 20 children. Parents are not required to stay in the classroom on these snack/drink days.
2. **Cleaning Days** - Each family will be required to send one parent to help on one toy and equipment cleaning night during the year. Cleaning nights will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

Parents are not expected to have any knowledge of the French language. Parents are no longer expected to attend duty days; however, we will happily welcome parent volunteers on a regular basis. In addition, we will require many volunteers for special party days and field trips. We also have different ways for you to assist us if you are unable to volunteer in the classroom but would nevertheless like to help.

Parent Orientation Night

We will be holding five parent orientation sessions during the first week of September. Families will choose their meeting date on their registration form. It is mandatory that one parent attend one of these meetings to ensure that parents fully understand all details of the program, as well as the expectations for parent involvement. To ensure attendance, we require authorization to charge \$25.00 to your credit card. This charge will only be processed should you not attend a parent orientation meeting.

Staggered Entry

Preschool will begin mid-September; however students will begin on a staggered entry. A staggered entry is a process whereby only half the class attends one of the days that week and the other half the other day. In August, you will be informed of the day your child will begin preschool. Your child will only attend one day of classes that week. We will begin classes with all students attending the following week. For the first day of preschool, we ask that each child be accompanied by one parent/guardian so that they can discover preschool with the comfort of parental support.

To register your child:

Please contact us by phone or email and we'll send you a pre-registration form or, if you prefer, you can also download the form from our website. Complete the pre-registration form and return the form and \$35.00 non-refundable pre-registration fee via mail or drop them off in our locked mailbox at École Campbelltown School, Room 135. Once your documents have been received, your child will be registered and we will email you a confirmation letter.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to receiving your pre-registration and meeting your child!

Kind regards,

Kathryn Babowal, Jill Burton & Lisa Solamillo